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Negotiations are in progress between Great Britain, the United States, Russia and Japan for holding an international conference to deal with the question of pelagic sealing, says Reuter. Some time ago the United States initiated these negotiations, the question having become one of urgency owing to the depletion of the herd by the action of Japanese sealers, who are not restricted in their operations as are the sealers of Great Britain, the United States, and Russia. While the fishermen of the three last-named countries are not allowed to take seals except within certain seasons, and then not within a distance of sixty miles from the Pribyloff Islands, Japanese sealers are at liberty to take seals at any time of the year, and within three miles of the island shores, with the result that the seal herd is threatened with extermination. Russia and Japan, it is understood, have expressed their readiness to agree to the American proposal. The participation of Great Britain depends upon the view held by Canada, who alone is immediately interested in the question.

NEW DECORATIONS.

For Naval Reserve and Volunteer Officers.

The Admiralty has issued the regulations governing the award of the decoration for the officers of the Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, which has been recently instituted by His Majesty. These provide, in the case of the Royal Naval Reserve, that the decoration may be conferred on commissioned executive and engineer officers of the force, borne on the active list, who have a total commissioned service (including acting time) of at least fifteen years. Time served in honorary rank will not count.

In the case of executive officers they must have gone through naval training in the Fleet for a period of twelve months, and have attained the rank of lieutenant, and engineers must have undergone an instructional course at home dockyards and have attained the rank of engineer R.N.R.

Officers, otherwise qualified, who have not undergone such training, but who have performed specially good service, may, at the discretion of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, be specially granted the decoration.

Staff Paymasters and Paymasters R.N.R. who have rendered special service in promoting the interests of the Reserve may, at the discretion of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, be granted the decoration provided that they have completed twenty years service, including time with honorary rank.

The decoration will not be awarded to any officers whose names were removed from the active list prior to January 1, 1908.

In regard to the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve officers having twenty years' service (which need not be continuous) may be granted a decoration designated The Volunteer Officers' Decoration. Honorary service will not be allowed to count.

The following dialogue ensued between two ladies facing each other from the boxes at the Grand Theatre last night:—
First Lady: I hope you have some regard for your own.
Second Lady: I have, and I hope you have.
First Lady: I have.
Second Lady: So have I.
First Lady: Oh.
Second Lady: Oh.

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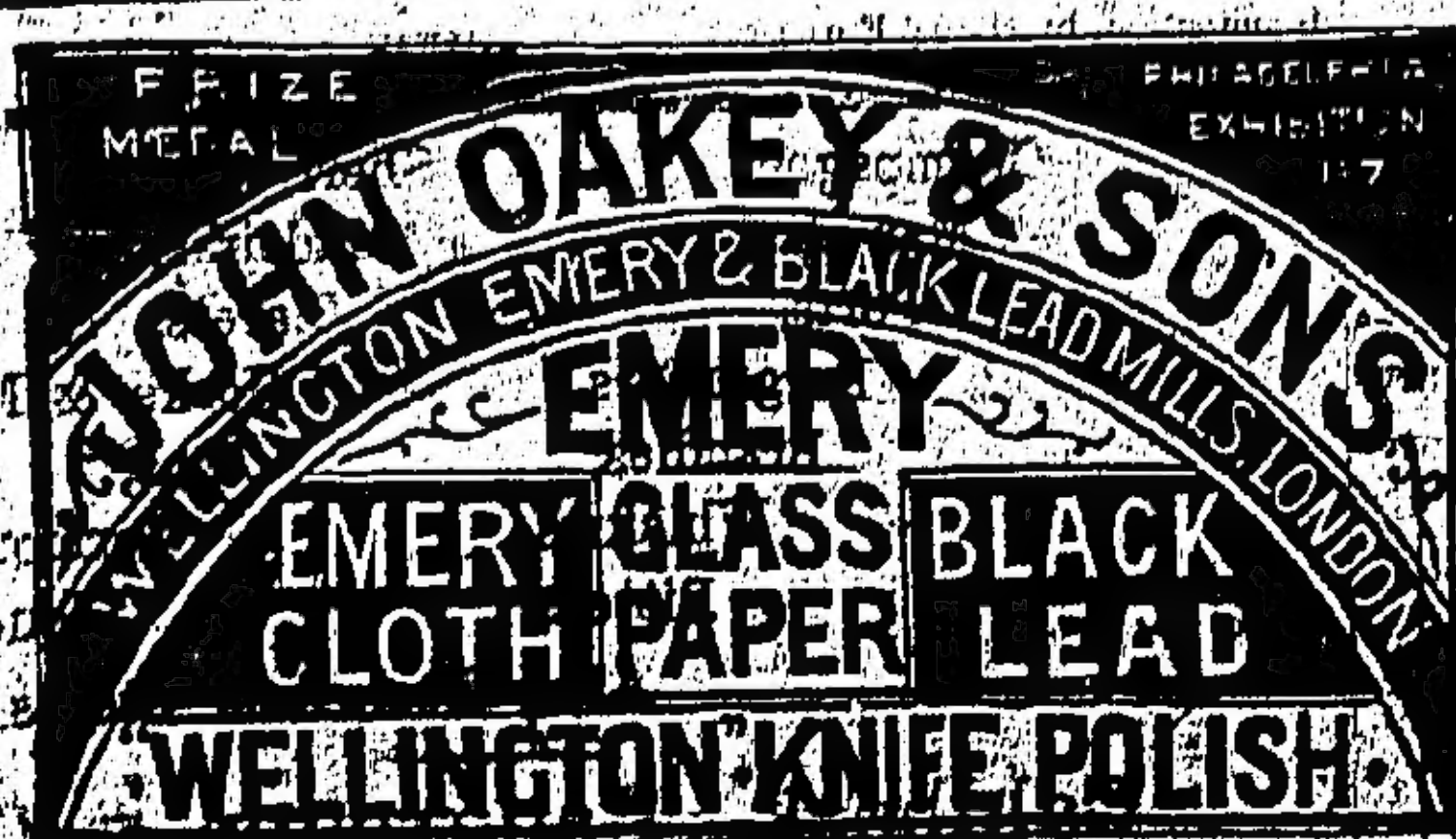
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By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

General Agents for THE WEST POINT

Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, June 20, 1909.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, July 20, 1909.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF

HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

No. 12 of 1908.

In the Matter of the estate of ALFRED HER-

BERT SMITH, deceased. Debtor.

Ex parte TAO LAM KOT (trading as the

Wing Oning Far) Creditor.

A Final Dividend is intended to

be declared in the above matter.

Creditors who have not proved their debts

by the 22nd day of July, 1909, will be

excluded.

Dated the 21st day of June, 1909.

H. O. GEDGE,

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Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of Svatow Drawn
Steam Pump, &c. at Mr Geo. P. Lam-
mont's Sales Rooms.
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture at 'Sharps Building,' above H.
R. & Kewton Wharf & Godown Co.'s
Office, Kowloon.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Prinz Ludwig* undelivered
after this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Chino* undelivered at noon
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Catherine Apcar* undelivered
after 4 p.m. this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, July 23:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Whole Stock in-
Trade at Messrs Cottam & Co.'s Store,
Chater Road.
Goods per *Silvia* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

MONDAY, July 26:—
Transfer Books of West Point Building
Co., Ltd., close from this date to 3rd
August, inclusive.
Transfer Books of Hongkong Land In-
vestment & Agency Co., Ltd., close
from this date to 3rd August, inclusive.
Goods per *Ernest Simons* undelivered after
this date at noon will be subject to
rent and landing charges.
Goods per *Savona* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
Goods per *Oranthe* undelivered not cleared on
this date at 3 p.m. subject to rent.

TUESDAY, July 27:—
Goods per *Dohi* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
Goods per *Bendloch* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1909.

THE END OF THE TETHER.

THE announcement made in the *Daily News*, the unofficial organ of the present Radical-Socialist Administration, that if the House of Lords persists in making amendments to the Finance Bill Mr. Asquith will advise the Crown to create a sufficient number of peers to enable the precious bill to pass the House and so become law, shows to what desperate straits the British Government has been driven through the Budget proposals of Mr. Lloyd George. To ride rough-shod over the Opposition in the House of Commons by means of an unscrupulous and ruthless application of the closure wielded through the automatic pressure of a docile majority is bad enough, but to bludgeon the House of Lords into swallowing most unpalatable fiscal proposals by the means suggested is surely reducing parliamentary procedure to a farcical absurdity and puts Mr. Asquith's summers on the level of those of a highwayman. We know such threats

have been held out before in English political history in times of great stress, but never was there so bad a case as that which the Liberal Government has created for itself. We search in vain for a parallel. The Administration now imperilling the destinies of the empire entered into office in the sequel of a campaign memorable for the deliberate falsification of the issues put before the electors. "Chinese slavery in the Transvaal" was but one of the iniquitous-battle-cries which were raised with the downright intention of winning the votes of the labouring classes at any cost. It along with its fellows, served its turn only too well, for they carried the groundings off their feet, and the Liberals rode into office with the largest majority ever known in the history of the House of Commons, 354. Since then the Government has lost nearly every seat contested at the bye-elections, but of course their majority is still almost as unassailable in divisions as when they began their career. It has long been plainly apparent, however, that public opinion is no longer with them as it was in the opening days of 1906. They have alienated their supporters, class by class, by the uncompromising socialistic legislation disclosed in successive budgets. But the budget produced this year has clearly brought matters to a climax. The leading bankers and financiers of the kingdom, who ever have their fingers on the public pulse so far as the circulation of money and the opportunities for investment at home or abroad are concerned, protested against the revolutionary proposals as they affected finance generally and the industrial and commercial interests of Great Britain particularly, but their protests were as calmly ignored as if they had proceeded from a pack of schoolboys. Lord Rosebery, Lord Lansdowne, Mr. Balfour and other leading statesmen added their voices to the chorus of condemnation, but all to no purpose. Mr. Lloyd-George backed-up through thick and thin by the Premier, held on his course relentlessly. He would have his own way or commit political suicide; it looks now as if he will have the last wish gratified, for he hardly thinks the Crown will fall in with the disgraceful and insulting proposals of the Cabinet and create backram peers to do the bidding of a discredited Ministry. It would be taking the Fountain of Honour to play the part of a jury-packer of the basest sort and only politicians reduced to most desperate expedients would dream of placing the Crown in such an anomalous position. The country is sick and tired of the present Administration and the Cabinet are well aware of it, but for all that they will not appeal to the electorate if they can help it. As the *Daily News* is obliged to confess, Mr. Asquith prefers to resign and throw the onus of bringing about a general election, with all its disturbance of the country's general business routine, upon his political opponents. What he can hope to gain politically by such a manoeuvre we fail to see, beyond "Saving face" as the Chinese would say, for resigning means throwing over the Budget, while an appeal to the country, even if it is known to be hopeless, would at any rate show that they had the courage of their opinions. The moral of the miserable plight of the Liberal party to-day is that too big a majority in the House of Commons is bad for any Parliamentary party, particularly if it has been plunging the barren sands of the outer wilderness for twenty years previously. For the possession of too much power has undoubtedly an intoxicating effect. The ministry whom Providence seemed to have favoured so unduly three years and a half ago will have reason to bitterly suspect her gifts before its career is finally closed. Had they been less elated at their success at the polls they would have pursued more moderate courses and their political life would have been long in the land over which by the voice of the ballot-box they had been called to

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Northland-Stirling appeals have been withdrawn. Mr Stirling has granted his ex-wife an annuity of £500.

The North British Rubber Company are erecting a factory at Berlin in order to avoid the German duties, which amount to 20 per cent.

A Suffragette undergoing a month's imprisonment in Holloway starved herself for four days. The authorities became alarmed and have released her. Her companions promise to imitate her.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand in London has received the following telegram from his Government:— "House unanimously and enthusiastically carried resolution approving Government offer of March 23 to British Government of a Dreadnought, or two if required."

The death is announced, on June 16th, at Rangoon, of Miss Catherine Shearer, a Buddhist Nun. Miss Shearer was an American lady who went to Ceylon to work with Mr Dharmapala and Countess Camarac about 10 years ago in connection with the Maha-Bodhi Society. Miss Shearer had reached the age of 49.

Early this morning the roof of No. 142 Queen's Road Central collapsed with startling suddenness and several of the inmates very narrowly escaped being crushed to death under the falling debris. Fortunately no one was hurt although the goods on the upper floor were ruined. No damage was sustained on the ground floor.

A Stamboul newspaper reports the discovery in the cellar of a guardhouse at the Yildiz Kiosk, in Constantinople, of a box containing what is alleged to be the skull of the late Midhat Pasha. The latter's head, it is stated, was undoubtedly sent from Kifri, in Asiatic Turkey, to the ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid in a box similar to that in which the skull has just been found.

The House of Commons had an all night sitting on the Finance Bill, on July 14, and there was a heated debate. Mr Will Thorne, Labour Member for West Ham, was suspended for refusing to withdraw the epithet "Liar" applied to Mr Winterton, who said that Mr Thorne was not in a fit state to participate in the debate. Mr Winterton subsequently apologized, on Mr Keir Hardie explaining that Mr Thorne had not tasted liquor.

The annual report of the Netherlands Trading Society just to hand confirms the telegraphic news which we printed some time ago. The general balance sheet and profit and loss account to 31st December, 1908, show that after deducting current expenses and writing off bad debts, and with the addition of the balance brought forward from 1907, the net profit amount to £4,131,233,96 (2,344,209), out of which, after providing for the statutory reserve to the extent of £732,860 (£31,073) a dividend of 8% has been declared.

The millinery question obtruded itself into the Church Pigeant at Home, and Captain Waud, the Steward-in-Chief, was impelled to make a public appeal to ladies who proposed to attend either to remove their hats or to wear a toque in place of the gigantic structures which are now fashionable. The Steward-in-Chief pathetically observed that it is utterly impossible to see "through or round" the enormous hats that are now worn, and he coaxingly alluded to the benefit of those who were willing to adopt the toque that "there is a large looking-glass in the ladies' tent where every lady can make sure that her hat is becomingly arranged." It is to be hoped that the appeal was more successful than to others of a like character have been. Even at entertainments for children in London the woman with the big hat has before now spoiled the enjoyment of the youngsters for whose special benefit the performance was given.

In a recent speech at Liverpool, Lord Charles Beresford gave a striking illustration of the moral effect of education on the men of the fleet. When he visited Liverpool in 1903, as a lad, he said, the squadron landed 4,000 men of whom not more than 300 went on board sober after being hospitably entertained by the city, while the police had some 1,500 who had broken their leave. They were all good men, but they were not properly educated and had not the tone that education gives. Two years ago Lord Charles brought a large fleet to Liverpool, and the people once more entertained the sailors. "Some 3,000 men," he added, "came ashore, and I think, with three exceptions, the fleet sailed with all the men on board. One or two, but very few, through meeting a friend, or through having a weak head, were more or less under the influence of liquor. I was complimented by the Chief Magistrate on the excellent behaviour of the men."

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QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS.

With reference to the recent correspondence which has passed between His Excellency the Governor and the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce regarding the quarantine restrictions still imposed at Singapore and Shanghai on vessels coming from Hongkong, we learn that the Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements has replied to the Governor's telegram regretting that the present quarantine restrictions against Hongkong cannot be reduced; while the British Consul-General at Shanghai telegraphs that as the quarantine inspection there only lasts for about an hour it is inadvisable to reduce this slight precaution as long as a case of plague is reported at Hongkong.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr Frederick Palmer, late of Calcutta, has been appointed chief engineer in the Port of London authority.

Captain D. J. Quindon, Army Remount Department, died on the 23rd June at Quetta from hydrophobia.

The Earl of Liverpool has been appointed Comptroller of the King's Household, in succession to the Master of Elibank.

The Council of the Society of Arts have awarded the Society's silver medal to Mr Arthur John Barry, for his paper on "Railway Development in China."

Amongst those called to the Bar last month were Messrs. Sai Chen Wang, of Lincoln's Inn, and Chung Hin Wang, D.C.L., Yale, of the Middle Temple. Three Siamese were also called.

Mr F. Lionel Pratt, who for some nine months past has been editor of the *Siam Observer*, Bangkok, returned to the Colony last Saturday by the s.s. *Wongkoi*, en route for Yokohama. He left for the North yesterday by the *Aki Maru*.

The last of the Senior Wranglers—a distinction abolished henceforth—is Mr P. J. Daniell, of Trinity College and King Edward VI. School, Birmingham. His home is at Palmer's Green, London. Mr Daniell is the last of the long line of Senior Wranglers since 1747. In future there will be no Senior Wrangler, as successful candidates will be grouped in alphabetical order of merit.

Friends of Captain Arthur will be pleased to hear that he has left the employ of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., and joined Capt. Douglas as a partner in the firm of Goddard and Douglas, marine surveyors. We understand Capt. Goddard has retired and that Capt. Douglas will be going Home on holiday next year.

It is interesting to note that Capt. Burnie, the originator of the firm (which we presume will now be styled Douglas and Arthur) was formerly a skipper in the service of the Douglas Steamship Co., as were also Captains Goddard and Douglas, who came after him and that now a new departure has been taken in inviting a Jardine skipper to join the firm. In our issue of Thursday last we published the report that Capt. Sandbach had taken over the command of the *Tuckoo* from Capt. Arthur.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

A native woman, was charged before Mr F. A. Hazelland at the Magistrate's day, with stealing money and goods amounting to \$450. The case was remanded.

For assaulting two lakongas a Japanese was fined \$12, at the Magistrate's day, by Mr F. A. Hazelland, while eight gamblers were also fined \$5 each. An Indian watchman was also fined \$10 for allowing his goat to stray on Crown land.

Four truck coolies were charged with reckless driving at the Magistrate's day, and were fined \$15 altogether, besides being ordered to pay \$15 compensation to one of four coolies, who were carrying pipes in Praya West, and whom they injured so that he had to be admitted to hospital.

TAKE A VACATION.

NOW is the time to take a vacation, go out into the world, and mountains, and visit the seashore, but do not forget to take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy along with you. It is almost certain to be needed, and cannot be obtained on "railroad" trains or steamships. It is too much of a risk for anyone to leave home on a journey without it. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

ADMIRAL CURZON-HOWE.

BETTER NEWS.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)
London, July 20.
The operation performed on Admiral Sir Asheton Curzon-Howe has proved successful and he hopes to rejoin his ship in a fortnight.

ROYAL VISIT TO MR CHAMBERLAIN.

A KINGLY COURTESY.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)
London, July 20.
King Edward visited Mr Joseph Chamberlain at his London residence yesterday.

REDUCING OUT-PUT OF COTTON-GOODS.

SHORT-TIME ADOPTED.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)
London, June 21.

The adoption of short time in the cotton trade is proceeding with remarkable unanimity. Owing to the severe depression in trade, a prolonged curtailment of out-put will probably be necessary.

EIGHT DREADNOUGHTS.

THE GOVERNMENT AT LAST DECIDES.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)
London, July 21.

It is understood that the British Government has decided to lay down eight Dreadnoughts during the fiscal year 1909-10.

THE THAMES EN FETE.

UNPRECEDENTED SCENES.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)
London, July 21.

Yesterday was a gala day for the Naval pageant. The Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London, and the Lords of the Admiralty officially visited the fleet, now stationed in the Thames. They were received with thundering salutes. The weather was glorious.

The railways and steamboats were unable to cope with the traffic which desired to go in the direction of Southend; and thousands were left at the stations and jetties.

In *Lajpat Rai's* libel case against the *Englishman*, Mr Justice Fletcher found that the statement that the former tampered with the loyalty of the Sepoys was untrue and malicious, and awarded the plaintiff one thousand pounds damages.

A special cable to the *Statesman*, dated London, July 3rd, states that the police have taken charge of India House, Highgate, where they found masses of seditious literature and incriminating letters. They have also taken charge of the *Indian Sociologist Press*. Mr Bannerjee has publicly declared that Krishna Varma instigated the Curzon-Wylie murder. The authorities in London and Paris are communicating with regard to the arrest and extradition of Krishna, with a view to charging him with incitement to assassination.

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PRINCE ITO IN TOKYO.

SPECIAL HONOURS ACCORDED.

(*Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.*)

Tokyo, July 20.
Prince Ito, on his return from his farewell visit to Korea, was received in Tokyo this morning, with marks of special Imperial honour. He was escorted to the Emperor's Palace by a special guard of honour. Here he reported in detail to the Emperor the new Korean agreement by which the Korean Judiciary and the military administration passes under the control of Japan. The people's demonstration in honour of Prince Ito shows that they heartily appreciate his successful Korean administration.

TO STUDY POLITICS.

(*Wah Tin Yat Po's Service.*)
Peking, July 20.

The Board of Civil Establishment has nominated ten officials who are to travel in Japan, America and Europe to study politics.

ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY FOR SHANGHAI.

(*Wah Tin Yat Po's Service.*)
Peking, July 20.

Viceroy Tuan Fang, late of Nanking and now about to proceed to Chihli, in a memorial to the Throne, suggests that a University for the teaching of engineering be established in Shanghai.

NEW OPIUM LAW.

(*Wah Tin Yat Po's Service.*)
Peking, July 20.

According to the new Opium Law recently passed by the Board of the Interior, two or more persons found together smoking opium in a room will be liable to severe punishment.

GOVERNORSHIP OF KWEICHOW.

(*Wah Tin Yat Po's Service.*)
Peking, July 20.

Prince Ching recommended that Tang Shao-yi be appointed Governor of Kweichow, but the Prince Regent has unable to appoint with the traffic which desired to go in the direction of Southend; and thousands were left at the stations and jetties.

FRENCH PRAISE FOR THE YEOMANY.

A correspondent of the *Temps*, who has been following the Yeomans' manoeuvres on Salisbury Plain, contributes to that journal an article which, without being a political military criticism, is interesting as a personal impression. The writer sets out with the declaration that the Yeomans, despite Pand's jokes at their expense, deserve to be taken seriously. They are, he says, well-mounted and well-drilled, and they might be taken for Regulars. Many of the officers have served in the Regular Army, while others have been under fire in South Africa and possess experience which far surpasses that of the French reserve officers. Their orders are given calmly, with that disdain for unnecessary fuss which English boys learn on the cricket field and which later is their most precious quality in action. The discipline is excellent, without the formal stiffness so marked in Germany, while every officer seems sure of his men.

CANTON NOTES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
THE VICEROY AND ROWEN COLLEGE.
CANTON, July 19.

Owing to the greatly increased attendance the Ellis Kadoorie Chinese Schools Society are collecting funds to build an entirely new school that will be equipped with the most modern of scholastic appliances. A sum of \$12,000 has already been collected toward the cost of the new erection. On Saturday the Viceroy notified his approval of the scheme by sending one of his secretaries to the school with a donation of \$1,000. We are sure that the numerous friends of the Kadoorie Schools Society will feel very grateful to His Excellency for his generous gift.

THE CAMPHOR TRADE.

A deputy has been appointed to take charge of all affairs connected with the camphor industry in the Siu Chow Prefecture. It is hoped from this action that the trade in this commodity will greatly increase.

CIVILITY TO A BENEVOLENT.

A policeman noticed a young girl going crying along the street wearing a heavy collar of iron. On enquiring being made it was found that the poor child was an apprentice singing girl. She had shown no ability to learn songs and her mistress had fastened the iron collar on her as punishment. The weight of this "ornament" was over ten catties. This punishment not increasing the girl's musical ability the mistress turned her out of doors and she was thus wandering homeless when the police took her in charge.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

All the shares of the electric light company have been taken up and the public are waxing enthusiastic over the matter. It will, however, probably be another month before the new company assumes complete management as all the plant and apparatus have first to undergo inspection.

FREE SCHOOL IN HONAM.

Certain of the wealthy residents of Honam have opened a school in the Hoi Tong Monastery for the instruction of poor boys. No fee is charged, all expenses being paid by the founders. Being a free school large numbers of poor children have come to the school to be taught and in aid of funds a Bazaar will shortly be held. It is proposed to run the Bazaar on European lines and it will be open from the 21st to the 31st instant. Five cents will be charged for admission but children and soldiers will be admitted at half-price.

THE MOON.

The first rice crop of this year is said to be good and plentiful although some localities have suffered from the floods. Lower prices may soon be expected.

SPORTING.

Lawn Bowls.

POLICE v. CIVIL SERVICE.
As an outcome of the very close and interesting match between the Police and the Civil Service on Saturday the Police challenged four members of the Civil Service to meet four members of the Police.

Recreation Club to a match on Monday, which resulted after a most interesting game, in the Civil Service gaining by 23 points to 19. The teams were:

CIVIL SERVICE—Thorhill, Fincher, Bond and L. E. Brett (skip).

POLICE—Stunt, Ogg, Cooper and Pitt (skip).

The return match will probably be played on Thursday.

Water Polo.

Boys Own Club, 8, 87th St. R. C. A. The Boy's Own Club entertained the 87th Co., R. G. A. at the V. R. C. enclosure on Tuesday evening when the former won by 2 goals to 1. The teams were:

87th Co.: Beasley, Old and Lagerroff; Harris, Bird, Fitzgerald and Cooley.

Boys Own Club: White, A. E. Ellis and L. Chunyat; Cordeiro; Muskett, A. S. Ellis and Lettice.

LEAGUE TABLE.

The league table now reads:—

Played Won Lost Drawn Pts.
V. R. C. 2 2 0 0 4
O. Y. C. 2 2 0 0 4
Buffs 2 2 0 0 4
L. R. C. 2 2 0 0 4
Royal Engineers 2 2 0 0 4
88th Co., R. G. A. 2 1 1 0 2
B. O. C. 2 1 1 0 2
87th Co., R. G. A. 2 0 3 0 0
88th Co., R. G. A. 2 0 3 0 0

A. A. A. Championships.

These Championships, held in London, resulted as follows:—

R. E. Walker, the Olympic Champion, won the 100 yards in level time, and N. J. Cartmell, one of the American representatives at the Stadium last year, won the 220 yards.

E. R. Voigt, R. Noakes and Denis Horgan retained their titles in the 4 miles run, 3 miles steeplechase, and putting the shot, respectively.

H. Braun, who represented Germany and ran third in the 800 metres at the Olympic games last year, carried off the half-mile, his time, 1 min. 57 3/5 secs., being the best recorded since 1898, when Wolf won in 1 min. 56 1/5 secs.

A. H. Reilly won the hurdle in the excellent time of 15 4/5 secs., while a fresh record was established with the hammer, T. B. Nicholson who has won this event on four previous occasions, throwing 164 feet 8 inches, which is 2 5/8 inches better than the record made by S. P. Giles, the American at the Championships last year.

A GOOD SUMMER REMEDY.

A good summer remedy and a very easy one to use is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is the best medicine obtainable for trouble of this kind. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

THE CEMETERIES AGAIN.

Hon. Mr Hewitt and Antiquated Customs.

At the Sanitary Board meeting on Tuesday afternoon the head of the Sanitary Department minutes:—Bye-law 10 of the Cemetery bye-laws made under section 18 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903-1908, published in the Government Gazette of 4th December, 1908, Government notification No. 875 makes no provision for monuments over or enclosures of the surface of graves in excess of 24 feet superficial. I therefore suggest that the following subsection be added as (3) to bye-law 10:—"No monument over a grave or enclosures of the surface of a grave occupying more than 24 superficial feet, shall be erected or made in the Colonial Cemetery without permission from the Head of the Sanitary Department, who may, if he thinks fit, grant such permission upon payment of a fee of \$2 for each superficial foot to be occupied by the monument or enclosure in excess of 24 superficial feet." I am advised that bye-law 11 as it stands is not complete, as it does not give anyone power to decide who shall be interred in any particular section. Further, none of the bye-laws at present give anyone authority to direct where corpses shall be interred in the cemetery, i.e., in the unreserved portion. The following addition to bye-law 11 as subsection (2) would definitely authorize the Head of the Sanitary Department to settle any question that might arise in this connection:—(2) "Application for permission to inter a corpse in any special section shall be made to the Head of the Sanitary Department, who shall decide upon such application: if no such application is made every corpse shall be buried in such position as the Head of the Sanitary Department shall direct."

Mr Shelton Hooper minutes:—Why give the power in the sub-section 2 of section 10 to the Head of the Sanitary Department instead of to the Board? I fail to see that the proposed subsection is wanted at all. With regard to bye-law 11, I should like to see the opinion, and to know who so advises.

Mr Shelton Hooper said he failed to see the reason of mentioning 24 superficial feet in clause 2. All grave spaces were six feet by two, and it was impossible to put a monument of 24 superficial feet over 12 feet. It would be necessary to have two grave spaces and if a man had two spaces he would be entitled to put up a monument of 24 superficial feet without any extra fee.

Hon. Mr James:—These monuments, so far as I know, sometimes encroach by a foot or two. In that case it is the custom to charge \$2 per square foot.

Mr Shelton Hooper:—I know nothing about encroaching, but if a man has taken more than he paid for, he is quite out of order. I did not think that was the reason of the minute.

The President:—I think there may be other cases also to which a man may want to erect a bigger monument than he is allowed, and it is only fair that he should pay an extra charge.

Mr Shelton Hooper:—Quite so, but he must buy another grave space, and he is entitled to put any monument he likes on it.

Hon. Mr Hewitt:—I take it that if he encroaches over twelve feet he has got to pay extra. I don't know who the plan has to be submitted to, but it is only reasonable that a man should be allowed a little more space if he pays for it. It ought to be quite clear, however, that a plan of the monument to be erected should be submitted to some competent authority.

The President:—Such plans would be submitted to the Public Works Department by this Department. Their surveyor would report to us whether a monument exceeded twelve feet.

With regard to the second amendment in the bye-laws and Mr Hooper's minute in regard thereto, the President said there was no opinion to see. While going through section 10 with the Crown Solicitor he went into section 11. The Crown Solicitor considered that section was not complete, and in conjunction with the speaker, proposed the addition now submitted. The clause as it stood made no reference to sections other than naval, military and civil service. The bye-laws did not state definitely in what portion of the cemetery bodies should be buried.

Mr Hooper:—I fail to see why, if under section 11 of the present bye-laws, power is given to the President of the Board, or in his absence the Vice-President, in the new bye-law you should make another officer (the same officer under another name) and call him Head of the Sanitary Department. Surely the Board have power to say in what part of the cemetery a corpse shall be interred, and we can delegate that power to any committee without making a bye-law. Personally, I would much rather it should be left to a committee.

Hon. Mr Hewitt:—I agree with Mr Hooper. I don't see why the matter should be removed from the Board to the Head of the Department. Then on another point, upon my soul, I don't see why a cemetery should be divided up, having one section for children, one for residents of seven years' standing and another for twenty years' residents. Where do I come in, I have not been twenty years in the Colony, but I have been thirty years in the Far East, and in spite of my extreme age I have to be buried in the seven-year section, and cannot have the distinction or honour of being buried in the twenty-year section. In all cemeteries there is, for want of a better word, what I must call a pauper section for people who die without means. No monuments are erected over these graves, and ultimately they lapse into the original condition of the ground. But for

the rest, I don't see why distinction should be drawn between a child, a seven-year and a twenty-year resident. It is carrying on some antiquated fetish which was introduced when the flag was first planted here.

The Board went into committee to consider the suggested amendments to the bye-laws.

Mr Hooper, dealing with subsection 2, said:—Supposing there is a family in three graves, side by side, with a superficial area of 36 feet, and instead of putting up three monuments of twelve feet they want to put up one of 36 feet. They would have to pay an additional sum. That is not just, as it is payment twice over for the same privilege.

The President:—In such an instance a man could bring the case to His Excellency's notice, and get the charge reduced.

Mr Hooper:—Why should he apply to have it reduced? He is entitled to cover the 36 feet with a monument.

The President:—Would you like a clause to that effect put in?

Mr Hooper:—If you think it necessary, I think the justice of what I have stated must commend itself.

De Peace:—Are you not overlooking the fact that, between each grave space there is a strip of Crown land?

Mr Hooper:—I won't press my point or make amendment, but it seems to me unnecessary. I thought you would have all grasped the point at once.

Hon. Mr Hewitt:—I think there is a good deal in what Mr Hooper says, and I would suggest that the matter be allowed to stand over, and the bye-laws brought up again at next meeting.

Mr Lau Chu Pak:—I think the best thing to do is appoint a sub-committee to go into the question.

Hon. Mr Hewitt:—I beg to suggest that the words "Head of the Sanitary Department" should be altered to "President of the Board." The power of the Board has been gradually whittled away till it has become almost a farce, and I object to any transfer at all, no matter how small it is, from the President of the Board to the Head of the Sanitary Department.

The motion in favour of appointing committees was agreed to, and the President, Mr Lau Chu Pak and Mr Hooper were appointed members.

The Board then resumed.

OUTLINE OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S DUTIES.

A list detailing the duties of Sanitary Inspectors for the year 1909 was laid on the table.

Mr Hooper minutes:—Are the duties of the cemetery inspector laid down in writing? If so, I should like to see them.

Mr Hooper said he received a letter from the Secretary in answer to his minute regarding the duties of the cemetery inspector. The letter said the inspector should not under the instructions of the Medical Officer of Health. Mr Hooper wished to know if he did not get his orders from the Head of the Department.

The President:—It is a departmental arrangement. I send my orders to the M. O. H. for convenience sake. The inspector reports to the Medical Officer of Health before action is taken in any matter. If a matter of urgency arises, I send for the inspector myself. I inspect the works once a month, and the Medical Officer of Health inspects them once a week.

Mr Hooper:—I see, then, he should be present at every interment in the Chinese cemeteries at Happy Valley. I would like to ask whether the Medical Officer and yourself are satisfied that he carries out that duty.

The President:—I cannot say definitely what the practice has been in the past, but I was at the cemetery myself yesterday in order partly to ascertain the routine of the work there. I did not see the inspector myself, nor did the head sexton, and I was in the cemetery from 4-30 till 5-15 o'clock. I had the inspector sent for this morning, and he informed me that he was there watching a Japanese grave being dug.

Hon. Mr Hewitt:—Do I understand that the inspector has got to be at the actual interment?

The President:—Yes.

Hon. Mr Hewitt:—It is unfortunately my duty to bury two or three Europeans a year but I have never yet and I have buried a good many men in the Colony, seen a sanitary inspector at any of those interments. The only person I have ever seen wear the badge and Mr. Van Egge when I have been there myself with certain of my staff. At all the funerals I have attended in the last eight years I have never seen a sanitary inspector.

The President:—My experience is not the same. Within the last fifteen months I have been to two funerals, and have seen two inspectors.

Hon. Mr Hewitt:—I did not know an inspector ought to have been there. If I had known I would have brought the matter to the notice of the Sanitary Board earlier.

The President:—I think members will be satisfied when I state that I have warned the inspector that his presence is necessary at all funerals at the Colonial Cemetery. In case of Japanese funerals I informed him that he need not look on at the ceremony, as they did not like it.

Hon. Mr Hewitt:—With regard to the duties of the inspectors, when the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance Commission was sitting we found it was very necessary and important that we should know which sanitary inspector was in charge of each district at a certain date. There is no record that has been kept, and I think it is most desirable that a record should be kept, so that if a dispute crops up later on there will be no question of the identity of the sanitary inspector.

The President:—I don't think that can arise now, because they have their diaries to show where they are.

Hon. Mr Hewitt:—You ought not to trust a man's diary, you ought to have a muster roll. We found it had been carried up very severely in that Commission after sitting for the best part of a year.

Hon. Mr Brewin:—Can you tell me what is the object of an inspector being present at every interment in the Chinese cemetery?

The President said it was to keep order. On Monday he saw a number of Japanese at a funeral, and they were going along as if they were out for the day with their arms round each other. This was hardly the way to behave in a cemetery. He thought on those grounds it was better that an inspector should be present, and apart from that, he was the person to see that the undertaker's men carried on their duties properly.

MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
MACAO, July 20.

Disparaging criticism is being freely levelled against a draft scheme said to have been submitted to headquarters by the Commission appointed to frame a reorganisation of the Military Police Corps.

It is even hinted about that Major Magalhães, the Commandant of the Force, retired from the Commission in disappointment at his utter failure to convince his colleagues of the feasibility of the project. Briefly, the outlines of the scheme which have come under the limelight of publicity by mere casualty, turn on a plan of curtailing the annual expenditure by some \$30,000, in cutting down the European complement and augmenting the Sego and Chinese elements, on the assumption that the latter make efficient guardians of the public peace.

We do not venture to express an opinion beyond merely noting that the projected reforms savour of a sorry joke. The question is not one for passion or rhetoric. Looking at the new departure frankly in the face we can but hope that the Powers that be will come to realize the full significance of the changes to be introduced before the plan takes practical shape. As it is, the present lines leave much to be desired, let alone the retentive influx of undesirable and the possibility of things coming to a head at no distant period. We cannot conceive of the blighting spirit of finality breathing from such a deplorable disregard of the inexorable exigencies of the hour. Disorganisation rather than reorganisation the pending innovation seem to imply. Other reforms must be devised to cope with existing shortcomings. To rush coercive legislation of the new-fangled force would be playing the wretched with the public weal; and when results are harvested we shall be landed in a cleft stick with these ephemeral retrenchments.

The Inspector of the Eschequer, Sr. Athayde, has just got himself in hot water by riding roughshod over the claims of equity, nay, of sheer common-sense.

When the Government set its hand to the opium traffic, following the summary seizure of the Farm appurtenances in May it was Mr. Sio Tang who helped it to squirm out of a very tight-hole by a generous offer to advance the money required for running the concern—the colonial coffers being then depleted—with his personal supervision of the industry thrown in as a bargain. Let us say, en passant, that the proffered funds have been swallowed up in stock which has, so far, not been disposed of. So it must have rather staggered the worthy benefactor when he was served with a writ the other day enjoining on him to pay into the Eschequer the neat little sum of \$15,441.63 purporting to stand for the amount due by him on net receipts to date, falling which he was offered the cheering alternative of being His Majesty's guest within 24 hours.

The procedure of the inspector is simply unthinkable and the plea he puts forward for having acted, on his own motion, on reliable hearsay alone, reduces it to the nadir of unreason. If we are to go by trustworthy gossip the incident has brought the grave displeasure of H.E. Sr. Rodrigues, and to such a point that we quite believe the good inspector will be requested to pull up stakes for a more congenial sphere. Such a contretemps is all the more regrettable as it falls out that Mr. Sio Tang is one of the very last remaining props of this tottering Colony.

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